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LITTER ABATEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2003-2004 AVAILABLE AT DEQ

(Baton Rouge) -- The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is pleased to announce the availability of applications for the Louisiana Litter Abatement Grant Program for fiscal year 2003-2004. Funding for the program is contingent upon approval by the Legislature and the Governor of House Bill 1 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session. Funding may be provided to local government, 501(c)(3) organizations and quasi-governmental units for projects that further the administration and execution of the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Program. A twenty-five percent (25%) in-kind or cash match will be required from applicants.

Success stories for the Litter Abatement Grant Program have been remarkable. Some of DEQ's main objectives have been to promote the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Program and to establish partnerships in communities to start litter abatement programs. Successful litter programs have included educational and cleanup campaigns, working with law enforcement groups to enforce the current litter laws, and activities to assist communities in creating a sustainable litter abatement program. Each year brings an increase in interest among local government, communities, and grass roots organizations.

DEQ anticipates that funds for the upcoming fiscal year will be made available July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. Interested persons will find a description of DEQ's Litter Abatement Grant Program, an application, and a sample of the cooperative agreement that must be signed by all grant recipients online at www.deq.state.la.us/assistance/litter. All applications must be received by noon March 27, 2003 and should be directed to the following address:

Department of Environmental Quality
Environmental Assistance Division/Litter Program
Post Office Box 82135
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70884
Attention: Pam Kimball

Please contact Pam Kimball at (225) 765-0151 for litter grant material or visit
www.deq.state.la.us/assistance/litter to download information.